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Frog and Toad Together

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Toad baked some cookies. “These cookies smell very good,” said Toad.

He ate one. “And they taste even better,” he said.

Toad ran to frog’s house.

“Frog, Frog,” cried Toad, “taste these cookies that I have made.”

Frog ate one of the cookies. “These are the best cookies I have ever eaten!” said Frog.

Frog and Toad ate many cookies, one after another.

“You know, Toad,” said Frog, with his mouth full,

“I think we should stop eating. We will soon be sick.”

“You are right,” said Toad. “Let us eat one last cookie, and then we will stop.”

Frog and Toad ate one last cookie. There were many cookies left in the bowl.

“Frog,” said Toad, “let us eat one very last cookie, and then we will stop.”

Frog and Toad ate one very last cookie.

“We must stop eating!” cried Toad, as he ate another.

“Yes,” said Frog, reaching for a cookie, “we need will power.”

“What is will power?” asked Toad

“Will power is trying hard not to do something that you really want to do.” said Frog.